

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 11, 2005. New Claims 32 to 40 are pending in the application, of which Claims 32, 36 and 37 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Original Claims 9 and 12 to 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,481,353 (Hicks), and original Claims 1 to 8, 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Hicks apparently in further view of “Microsoft PowerPoint 4 for Windows” (Sagman). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Original Claims 1 to 31 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

New independent Claim 32 is directed to a print control method which has a presentation mode to print a presentation material and a distribution material. The method includes: a job issue step of issuing a print job according to print setting set by a user; a judgment step of judging whether or not the print setting set by the user corresponds to the presentation mode; a step of, in a case where it is judged in said judgment step that the print setting does not correspond to the presentation mode, executing an ordinary print process; and a step of, in a case where it is judged in said judgment step that the print setting corresponds to the presentation mode, adding a command particular to the presentation mode to the job issued in said job issue step, and executing a presentation-mode print process within one job. The command particular to the presentation mode is a command to designate the presentation mode, a command to designate the number of copies of the distribution material, and a color setting command of the distribution material.

In contrast, Hicks discloses that a GUI is provided in a printer that allows certain settings to be made. In particular, detailed print settings of "Transparencies", "Dividers", "Master Set", "Handout Set(s)" for presentation can be executed through the relevant GUI. (See Hicks, Fig. 3). More specifically, as shown in Fig. 3 and corresponding description, the disclosures of Hicks imply that it is possible to set full color output or black-and-white output with respect to each of "Transparencies", "Dividers", "Master Set" and "Handout Set(s)". Furthermore, Sagman apparently discloses the features of the print slides of the first page of the distribution material shown on the print screen of currently available versions of PowerPoint.

However, Hicks and Sagman, neither alone nor in combination, neither disclose nor suggest that, in the case where it is judged that a print setting corresponds to a presentation mode, a command particular to the presentation mode is added to an issued job wherein the command particular to the presentation mode is a command to designate the presentation mode, a command to designate the number of copies of the distribution material, and a color setting command of the distribution material.

In light of the deficiencies of Hicks and Sagman as discussed above, Applicant submits that Claim 32 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Amended independent Claims 36 and 37 are directed to a computer-readable medium and apparatus, respectively, substantially in accordance with the method of Claim 32. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 36 and 37 are also in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

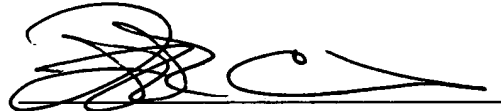
The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the

invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the allowability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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